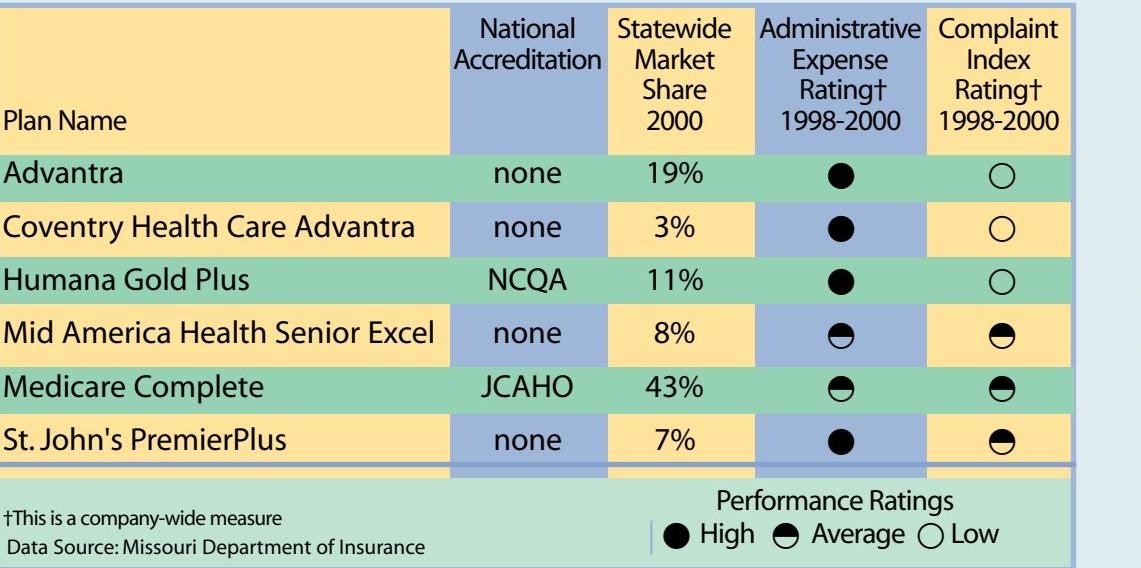


What Do Managed Care Plans Look Like?



Missouri managed care plans may voluntarily seek and qualify for accreditation, indicating that they meet national quality standards from the following organizations:
 National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC) and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

This shows the percentage of the State's managed care M+C plan members who are enrolled with a specific plan. It provides an indication not only of plan size but also of the plan's ability to meet the varied health care needs of its members.

This measure, which indicates efficiency, is the percentage of total income used for administrative overhead. Plans with administrative expenses less than 10% are shown as high performance; those at 15% or more are rated as low performers.

The complaint index looks at the number of consumer complaints the Department of Insurance received in the past three years relative to the amount of business that a company wrote in Missouri and compares this to the industry average. Plans at less than 50% of industry average are shown as high performance; more than 100% of industry average is considered low performance.

Visit the Department of Health and Senior Services Managed Care Website at:
www.dhss.state.mo.us/ManagedCare

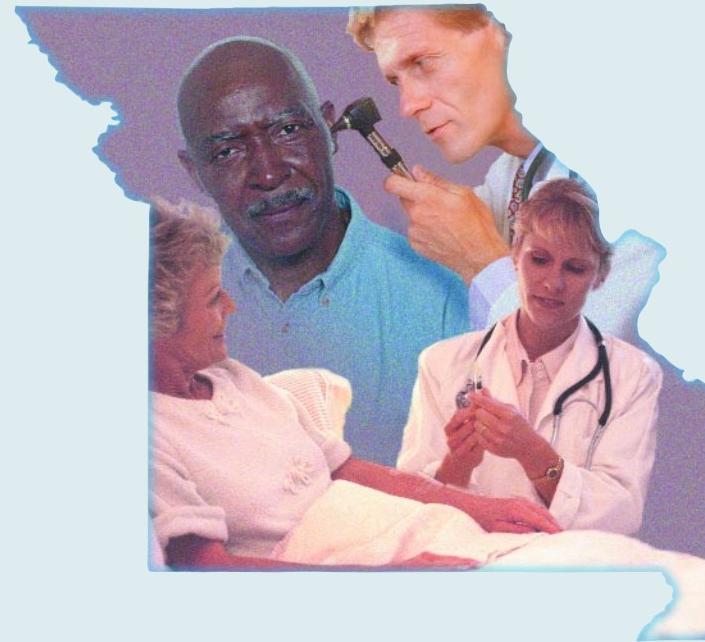
Choosing a Managed Care Health Plan

Choosing a managed care plan can be complex and difficult. This 2001 Consumer's Guide helps you compare the quality of health care and member satisfaction among the M+C plans in Missouri.

- ◆ Identify all plans which offer coverage in your area by calling the Community Leaders Assisting the Insured of Missouri (CLAIM) program at 1-800-390-3330 or 1-573-893-7900.
- ◆ Review the indicators in this brochure only in combination. No one indicator should be viewed as a sole direct measure of a health plan's performance.
- ◆ Contact CLAIM for a health plan comparison worksheet and other Medicare information. Also, more managed care information is available from the Department of Health and Senior Services at 1-573-526-2812.
- ◆ Come up with your own questions and call your plan choices for answers using the phone numbers on the back. Plans can provide you a member handbook of benefits plus a list of doctors and hospitals in their Medicare network.
- ◆ Talk to your doctor, family and friends about their experiences with managed care.
- ◆ Use all information to evaluate your managed care options. Make the choice that best suits your needs.

Member Services Telephone Numbers

Managed Care Plan	Customer Service	RN Helpline	Website
Advantra	800-533-0367www.ghp.com	
Coventry Advantra	800-727-9712	800-622-9528	www.chckc.cvty.com
Humana Gold Plus	800-448-6262	800-622-9529	www.humana.com
MAH Senior Excel	816-460-4688	913-671-8730	www.midamericahealth.com
Medicare Complete	800-656-0065	877-365-7949	www.uhc.com
Premier Plus	800-280-1602	800-811-1187	www.mercyhealthplans.com
St. John's Premier Plus	800-481-4466www.mercyhealthplans.com	



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Concerns or Complaints?

Call your managed care plan if you have concerns on your treatment or feel you have been denied health services. They will explain your grievance rights and how to file a complaint. If you disagree with a plan's position or decision call the Consumer Hotline of the Missouri Department of Insurance at: 1-800-726-7390

For further information about this Consumer's Guide, contact:

Bureau of Health Care Performance Monitoring,
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
P.O. Box 570
Jefferson City, MO
65102-0570
(573) 526-2812

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has attempted to publish accurate information based upon common definitions. The data reported in this brochure are based on plan performance during 2000. Managed care plans were given an opportunity to review and correct the data presented. Other corrections or suggestions should be forwarded to the Center for Health Information Management and Evaluation, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Our telephone number is (573) 526-2812. A companion technical report, containing the data and statistical formulas used, is also available for \$10. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Services are provided on a nondiscriminatory basis. This information is available in alternate formats to citizens with disabilities.

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Websites

The following Websites may be useful:

American Medical Association:
www.ama-assn.org

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services:
www.dhss.state.mo.us

American Osteopathic Association:
www.aoa-net.org

Missouri Department of Insurance
www.insurance.state.mo.us

Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality:
www.ahrq.gov

National Committee for Quality Assurance/NCQA:
www.ncqa.org

Families USA:
www.familiesusa.org

American Accreditation Healthcare Commission/URAC:
www.urac.org

U.S. Health and Human Services-Health Finder:
www.healthfinder.gov

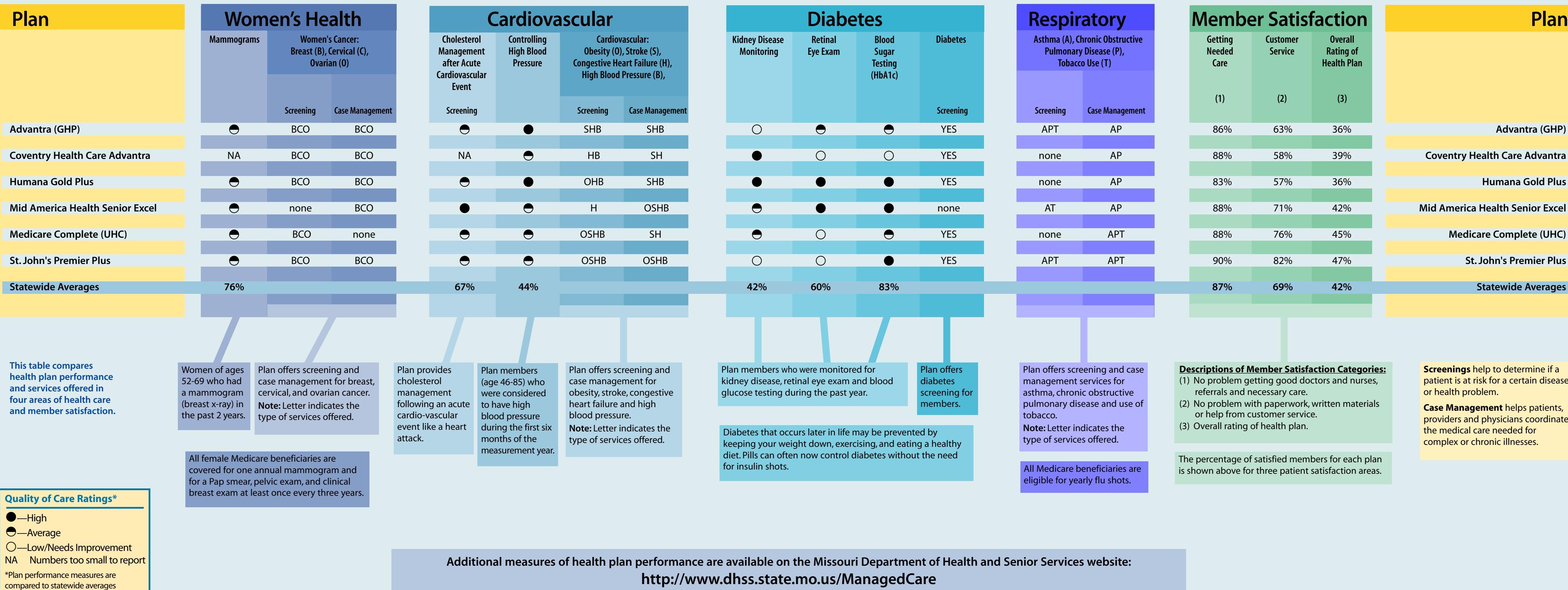
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations/JCAHO:
www.jcaho.org

National Health Information Center
www.health.gov/nhic

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Medicare (M+C) Managed Care Plan Performance



Additional measures of health plan performance are available on the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services website:
<http://www.dhss.state.mo.us/ManagedCare>